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DATE: 20 July 1950

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SUBJECT: Relation of I & SS with the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security.

1. The National Security Act which sets up the CIA states in one of its paragraphs that this Agency is responsible for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

2. It is my understanding that the ICIS has one or two subcommittees working on the protection of classified documents throughout the federal agencies. It may be that the time is now ripe for us to direct a memorandum to this Committee pointing out our responsibilities under the National Security Act and ask them to cooperate with us in the protection of sources and documents by either incorporating in any agency regulations which they recommend to the several departments and agencies or by some other method, such as the appointment of a CIA observer to this Committee or perhaps by informal conversations with the chairman of the appropriate subcommittee.

3. Will you please explore this matter and advise me of your results? It appears to me without going into the matter too thoroughly that perhaps a memorandum from the DCI to the Chairman of the ICIS pointing out our responsibilities in this matter and asking them for their assistance would seem to be the most appropriate manner to handle this particular problem. May I have your suggestions in this matter by 15 August?

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